

STATEHOOD FOR IDAHO.

Why the People May Not Adopt the Constitution.

General Wealth of the Territory—Portland Capital. Largely Interested in the Development of Mines in the Southern Section.

Hon. A. F. Parker, editor of the Idaho Free Press, and a well posted politician of that territory, is in the city. In regard to the statehood of the movement for statehood in Idaho, Mr. Parker said: "The movement has its friends and its enemies. I was a delegate from Idaho county in the Constitutional convention, and had as much to say as the next man in it. In the framing of the constitution it was to be submitted to the people for adoption next November, and since the convention adjourned I have traveled all over the length and breadth of the territory, and my experience, reluctantly acquired at it, is that the people of the territory will not ratify the constitution."

"The objections are not based on opposition to statehood, particularly. They have their origin in certain clauses of the constitution which were bitterly opposed to the continuation, and which, in my estimation, were adopted by the convention in defiance of the people, and are very fundamental."

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would be world-famous, but such is the wondrous mineral wealth of Idaho that even these wonderful deposits of almost pure copper are permitted to languish and lay idle for want of transportation facilities to make them valuable. The mines of the Little Salmon, Rapid river, Warren, Salmon river and Alton districts are lipping all the ore they can by mule back very summer; but notwithstanding their great and known wealth, this is but a slow way to develop the mines, and consequently the entire heart of Idaho—the richest mineral zone in the known world—is lying idle for lack of transportation facilities. All wagon roads end at Mount Idaho, in the north, and at Little Salmon Meadows, in the south here comes with no connection whatever between them, and yet the intervening country is the richest and most productive in iron producing region in the whole territory. The old mining camp of Warren possesses the best paying quartz veins in all Idaho, and yet every pound of freight transported in the camp has to be transported on muleback from Lewiston, a distance of 120 miles. The Cleveland mine in Alton district, thirty miles south of Warren, has \$750,000 worth of ore in sight, and are developing more at the rate of \$1000 a day, and are shipping enough by pack trains to pay operating expenses. From these facts alone you can imagine what a wonderful mine of wealth that country is when it can prosper under such adverse circumstances, and what a future is in store for it when it is opened up and its resources, developed by the advent of railroads and the multiplication of industries which follow those forerunners of civilization.

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